

# NATIONAL REPORTER

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Raleigh, N. C. — The "hold-the-line" through no fault of their own, suddenly find themselves in the best position they've had since the Legislature convened in Raleigh January 3.

A check of income tax returns recently showed that the state will end the current biennium with a surplus running anywhere from 10 to 20 million dollars. This was caused by a terrific boost in income tax returns — almost 20% more than last year.

And it seems safe to predict that income for the next two years will be high enough to give the state a balanced budget — or almost so, at least — despite appropriations that are sure to run at least \$42,000,000 above Advisory Budget Commission on recommendations.

Unless something completely upsets the nation's economy, the conservative forces will be able to justify their refusal to increase taxes to meet state needs.

They had planned to pass the recommended Advisory Budget Commission budget and the revenue act as was and go home. But school forces got so much support, plus other obvious needs, that they were forced to abandon that plan. They then issued a statement calling for increased appropriations to take care of these needs, but claimed inflation would cause enough income from the present tax structure to pay the way.

They gambled that increased income would be at least \$42,000,000, feeling that if it wasn't they could either blame the whole thing on the Scott administration or else sell the voters on the idea that they were trying to stave off increased taxes as long as possible. Their gamble on increased revenue apparently has paid off.

However, there is talk in legislative circles that the conservative leadership is not satisfied, but really would rather have a deficit and blame it on Scott. This, I find hard to believe, for two reasons:

1. Their political position now is reversed, and they are sitting on top of the world by having their prediction apparently borne out.
2. They would find it most difficult to pin a deficit on the administration, especially since Scott has insisted all along that increased expenditures were needed but that provisions should be made to raise enough revenue to pay the way.

If they should, for some vitriolic reason, attempt to push their luck and of the potential political gain caused by the unexpected boost in revenue would be lost.

Actually, no legislator that I have talked to expected anything like a balanced budget with the \$42,000,000 added spending. They thought revenues would be higher than estimated by some \$20,000,000, but did not believe that increased revenues and surplus would come within \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000 of balancing out.

Revenue Commissioner Gene Shaw's report could mean that the session will be over within two weeks, the aim of the conservative leaders.

Ironically, they will have a platform plank of Kerr Scott's and an appointee of his to thank if this happens and the budget is balanced.

It is true that income generally is up. But it is also true that Gene Shaw's dogged determination to collect every dime owed the state, plus the innovation of speedier methods of collection, plus a refusal to let anyone off, is responsible for the greatly increased income.

There already have been 3,500 more income tax returns than ever before. Shaw has clamped down on evaders, nicking one big textile manufacturer for \$250,000 that he had gotten by without paying because of lax interpretation of the tax laws in the past. His iron-clad enforcement has brought in at least \$1,000,000 extra this year.

But what hurts the conservatives most is the fact that Scott's campaign plea for investment of state funds — a campaign issue which may credit with electing the man from Alamance — likely will be the difference in a balanced budget and an unbalanced budget.

This biennium of idle funds, plus drawing of interest on bank deposits, will bring in a total of nearly \$5,000,000. That will go in the surplus to start the next biennium, and there is no reason why such interest should not bring in at least \$5,000,000 during the next two years.

All of which adds up to an extra

\$10,000,000 brought in by Scott's idea and his appointees this year, and likely will mean a total of \$15,000,000 extra for the next two years.

That means that the hold-the-lineers will benefit to the tune of some \$25,000,000 by administration policies in meeting the next biennial budget.

In other words, it means the difference between a balanced budget and deficit spending.

Hoke County's Representative Harry Greene listened as bill after bill was introduced "amending the General Statutes". He noted that he'd been watching the lawyers change laws around for many sessions, then opined:

"All I've got to say is that the laws of the state must have been in awful shape 50 years ago to need all these changes."

An outburst by Meeklenburg's Senator Harvey Morris may result in a Halifax county local bill turning into a state-wide bill.

Senator Julian Allsbrook of Halifax introduced a measure allowing County agents and vocational teachers in Halifax to inoculate swine. Under the present law, such vaccinations against hog cholera must be made by a veterinarian, but there seems to be a shortage of vets.

Allsbrook's bill was referred to a judiciary committee, at his request. But Morris hopped to his feet and irately protested, saying it was an agriculture matter and should be sent to the agriculture committee "where we can kill it."

Allsbrook immediately informed Morris that the bill was a local one, and that it wasn't any of the gentleman from Meeklenburg's business what the folks in Halifax did.

All of which focused attention on the Allsbrook bill. Another measure calling for identical provisions for Craven, Green, Jones, Lenoir and Onslow counties was introduced as a result, and other senators are planning to include their counties in such a bill.

If Morris had kept quiet, the Halifax bill probably would have gone through with no one paying much attention to it.

Morris got in the news again last week. The Joint Finance Committee was considering a revenue bill amendment. Someone wanted to kill it, but Chairman E. T. Bost of Cabarrus remarked that the amendment's sponsor wanted a hearing and that they perhaps should show him the courtesy of listening to him before taking action.

Morris immediately responded off with "I haven't shown anything else any courtesy in this committee, why should we show him (the amendment's sponsor) any?"

The amendment promptly was killed.

The Appropriations sub-committee apparently recognized the need for treatment of patients at Dix Hill (the State Hospital at Raleigh) instead of mere confinement. They wrote a blank check for hiring of psychiatrist-surgeons "with no limit on salary" in order that they might get the best. Perhaps in a few years, we can begin to be proud of what we are doing for our mentally ill.

The Senate's biggest publicity seeker even took advantage of a Easter holiday and some opposition to execution of two men on Good Friday to grab the limelight. After hearing some folks say they didn't think executions should be held on Good Friday, this senator introduced a bill setting Good Friday as a legal state holiday. He admitted that the bill would probably prevent executions on this day in the future. He also is an ardent opponent of Kerr Scott, who refused to postpone the death date, and this same senator is errand boy for a politically-minded banker and merchants' association officials.

Odds and ends: Reports indicate that insurance companies are kicking back to small loan agencies a toothsome share of exorbitant policy charges made by the loan sharks. . . . At an insurance committee hearing, State Banks Commissioner Gurney Hood said one of the state's biggest bankers was connected with the loan shark racket. . . . Two daughters of Reg Harris, Senator Willis Smith's daughter Anna Lee, and other Junior League members are drawing down good pay as clerks in the Legislature. . . . 95% of the lobbyists are ex-legislators.

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 2:1-3:5; 4:1-5:17.  
DEVOTIONAL READING: Romans 5:12-17.

## How Sin Begins

Lesson for April 5, 1951

NO ONE can believe in sin who does not believe in God. That is, no one can believe that sin is real unless he believes that God is real. For the meaning of sin is religious; it cannot be understood at all, apart from God. For sin means going contrary to the will of God. Sin may not consist of "doing" anything, of course; it may be only wishing or thinking a certain way. God or it may be Dr. Foreman refusing to do, or neglecting to do, what God wants done.

A thing is not right just because God wills it; he could not, by a mere proclamation, make murder good and mother-love wicked. But God never wills a thing unless it is right, or forbids it unless it is wrong; one reason for this is that he is creator of all, and so knows what is best for every creature. To go against his will is to go against one's own best interest.

## Sin on the Outside

HOW does sin begin? The Bible says sin has been on this earth as long as people have lived here. But the story of the temptation in the Garden of Eden is also a parable of how sin always begins. As Dr. Brunner says, Adam's other name is Everyman.

New we can see in this story that sin came into the world because there came a suggestion from the outside. Not everything in this universe is now good; there is anti-God at work, as well as pro-God. There are forces at work that do not wish God's plans to succeed.

If this seems hard to take, at least it cannot be denied that a great many sins would never have been committed without some pull from the outside. A child who goes to school for the first time will pick up, in a few days, habits and language and attitudes that shock the parents. They wonder what's got into the child. Her playmates' meanness has got into her, that's the nub of it. . . .

## Sin on the Inside

BUT the fact is, we can't blame the situation as if the situation were the sinner. Not every one who passes a bar-room door feels an urge to go inside. Once in a while a bank clerk slips out with a million case full of the bank's money. But the money was there all the time, and no other clerk became a thief.

If it were simply the situation that makes the sin, then every bank clerk would be a sinner, honest or the worst, and every man who passes a bar would not pass it but go inside and get drunk just like the bum who can't pass a bar-room door.

No, there is something on the inside of us that pushes toward sin. What is it? The story in Genesis may offer a good clue. One of the New Testament writers put it this way: "A man's temptation is due to the pull of his own inward desires, which can be enormously attractive." (James 1:14, J. B. Phillips translation.)

Before the sin, Eve sees the forbidden fruit as beautiful and desirable; afterwards in shame she hides away from God. Living with herself, with her husband, with God, is no longer the pleasure it had been. However sad or horrible sin may look when we see it in the cold light of Afterwards, when we see it beforehand it always looks attractive.

In the last stages of sin, to be sure, it may be quite different; a man may be caught in the grip of a habit he hates, and no one can call him worse names than he calls himself. But in the beginning of sin, few if any persons see anything repulsive or sad in what they are about to do.

That is why "I do as I please" is a fatally bad rule for living. If you do as you please, sooner or later you will please wrong, and down you will go. Adam and Eve did exactly as they pleased, and lost their Paradise. But if we take as our rule of life what God pleases, even if we never reach perfection we shall always be pointing in the right direction.

# LEGAL NOTICES

## ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having this day qualified as administrator of the estate of Mrs. Katie C. Gresham, deceased, of Duplin County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned, duly verified, on or before one year from date of last publication of this notice or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This the 21st day of February, 1951.

A. W. Gresham, Administrator.  
Mrs. Katie C. Gresham, estate, Beaulville, N. C.  
4-20-St. AWG

## ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Joseph E. Foster, Sr., deceased, late of Duplin County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to Joseph E. Foster, Jr., the undersigned at Beaulville, N. C., on or before the 9th day of March, 1951, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 9th day of March, 1951.

Joseph E. Foster, Jr., Administrator of Joseph E. Foster, Sr.  
Grady Mercer, Attorney at Law.  
4-26-St. GM

## EXECUTOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as executor of the estate of Andrew P. Paul, deceased, late of Duplin County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to George Frank Landen, the undersigned at Chingaspin, N. C., on or before the 26th day of February, 1951, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 26th day of February, 1951.

George Frank Landen, Executor of Andrew P. Paul.  
Grady Mercer Attorney at Law  
4-6-St. GM

## NOTICE OF SALE

In The Superior Court  
State of North Carolina,  
County of Duplin.

Under and by virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Duplin County made in a Special Proceedings there: pending entitled, "Sallie Thompson et al against John Jones and wife Beale Jones, being case No. 2437 Special Proceedings Docket", the undersigned Commissioner will on the 28th day of April, 1951 at or about the hour of noon on said date and on the premises of the Courthouse in Kenansville, North Carolina, Duplin County, offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash that certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in Warsaw Township, Duplin County, North Carolina and more particularly described as follows: Being the tract of land formerly owned by Laura Thompson a widow by deed dated December 15th, 1911 and registered in the office of the Registry of Duplin County in Book 136, page 476, reference to which is hereby made.

Adjoining the lands of Willie Fussell and Miles Brown and others, BEGINNING at a stake in the

## MORE and BETTER COTTON

Angular leaf spot, bacterial blight, boll rot, vein blight or black arm. These are all names for the same thing, and they all mean bad news for you as a cotton grower. The blight causes death of seedlings, defoliation or loss of leaves from the plant, and shedding or rotting of bolls. It all adds up to less cotton per acre.

As the name shows, it is caused by bacteria. The germs live in the seeds, and grow up in the cotton plant to cause various harmful results.

Clearly the way to wipe out this disease is to plant disease-free seeds. You can make sure that your cotton seeds do not carry the disease germs by killing the bacteria before you plant, using an organic mercury dust. You can do this on your own premises, or have it done by the local treating service of your local gin or seed supplier. The chemical costs less than 10¢ per acre. Other control methods include delinting of seeds with sulphuric acid or by hydrochloric acid gas. These are harder to apply, but also effective.

Because wind-blown rain spreads bacterial blight readily from one field to another, its control is a job that all the planters in an area should do together. Otherwise one field planted with untreated seed might re-infect all the others. It will pay every planter to stamp out bacterial blight in his fields. Planting seed that has been mercury dust-treated will not only reduce this disease, but will reduce seed decay and damping-off (sore shin) organisms, too.

Assemblies ordered the Board of Buildings and Grounds to put in elevators from the first to third floors "if feasible". These laws still are on the books, and still the Capitol has no elevator. Despite the fact there is ample authority to build a riding-cage in the Capitol, all the lawmakers can think of to do is pass another law -- whether we need it or not.



On The Record  
When Paid By Check

Pay All Your Bills By Check — Your Cancelled Check Is The Most Valid Check You Have.

# A Hymn Is Born

BY CLINT BONNER

## Softly And Tenderly

A quiet man is heard around the world

Without were barred from the sick room. Dwight L. Moody, the evangelist who had stirred 10,000,000 sinners on one continent, had prostrated his last moments in a quiet room in his early life without a sound in the hall. It was December, 1829, and old, but the quiet man had come to Newfield, Mass., from his home in Essex, Vermont, to pay respects to the man who, with Hagar Lee D. Moody had "redeemed the population of hell by a million souls."

Will Lamerline Thompson's gift of music and poetry was matched with "a fine character of simplicity, simplicity and righteousness." He wrote his first song in 1843 at the age of 16, and 19 years later, while studying at Boston's Conservatory of Music, came out with "Gathering Sheaves by the Handful." His life covers the nation from shore to shore and gathered a fortune for the youthful composer who left for Germany to further his musical education and returned to write "My Home on the Old Ohio" and "Under the Midnight Sky."

Hiding the cross of fame and fortune at 40, the middle-aged composer turned his back on regular compositions and turned his pen to writing hymns. He opened a music store, set up his own publishing house for church songs and taught a two-hour organ class Sunday, with the idea that he would be heard a while, one day to the continuation in America and England. Will Thompson was driving his team of horses in Ohio and singing his own hymns in rural homes. When he found no place he simply sat down the pen on his organ and played his own accompaniment to his "Let Me Quietly Praise Thee," "There's a Great Day Coming" and "Jesus Is All the World to Me." At the same time, published by the thousands streamed down Moody's invitation trail to Sunday singing of Will Thompson's "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling." The hymn swept into South Africa and was translated in Hawaii.

Through the door of his sick room, Dwight L. Moody heard across the nation the notes of Will Thompson. Ignoring doctors' orders, the dying evangelist demanded that he be admitted. Feebly making the "Lord of O's" by the head, he said, "Will, I would have rather written 'Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling' than anything I have been able to do in my whole life." The song!

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,  
Calling for you and for me;  
See, on the parable He's waiting and watching,  
Watching for you and for me.

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,  
Pleading for you and for me?  
Why should we linger and heed not His mercies,  
Mercies for you and for me?

Time is now fleeting, the moments are passing,  
Fading from you and from me;  
Shadows are gathering, death-hells are coming,  
Coming for you and for me.

Oh! for the wonderful love He has promised,  
Promised for you and for me;  
The love that has saved, He has mercy and pardon,  
Pardon for you and for me.



Blackmore line by an old path and runs west 2 1/4 poles to a stake, the Hoyell Best old corner; thence along A. Phillips line north 35 east 116 poles to a stake and dead pine on his line and on the north side of the new road path; thence along the north side of the new road path, north 80 east 20 1/4 poles to a stake in the edge of a pond, north side of new road; thence south 2 1/4 east 118 poles to the beginning containing 15 acres more or less.

Terms of sale cash.

This the 22nd day of March, 1951.

Latham A. Wilson,  
Commissioner

## NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The undersigned having qualified as administrator of the estate of Abba E. Herring, deceased, late of Duplin County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 10th day of March, 1951, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 10th day of March, 1951.

Benjamin E. Herring, Administrator of the estate of Abba E. Herring, deceased, Mount Olive, N. C.  
H. E. Phillips, Attorney Kenansville, N. C.  
5-27-St. HEP

## NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Having this day qualified as administrator of the estate of Johnnie Smith, deceased, late of Duplin County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims

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